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1. MET WITH VP MUBAREK EARLY THIS AFTERNOON AT HIS RESIDENCE AND GAVE HIM YOUR MESSAGE FOR SADAT AND FAHMY (PARAS 1A THROUGH C). HE READ IT AND AT ONCE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND IT TO THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSES TO OUR EARLIER MESSAGES. HE RATHER THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE ONE LATE TODAY. SADAT LEAVES ITALY FOR YUGOSLAVIA THIS AFTERNOON.

2. I ALSO MENTIONED TO MUBAREK THAT MOHAMED RIAD HAD RAISED WITH ME YESTERDAY A GOE REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT ASAD TOLD JUMBLATT AND ARAFAT HE HAD ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE BROWN MISSION AND IMPLIED IT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH HIM. MUBAREK SAID HE HAD SEEN THE REPORT. I TOLD HIM THAT BROWN'S MISSION WAS NOT WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE WITH THE SYRIANS. IT WAS IN ENTIRELY UNILATERAL US MOVE. DECISION TO SEND BROWN WAS MADE VERY QUICKLY IN WASHINGTON AND BROWN LEFT THE SAME DAY. I RECALLED THAT I HAD AT THE TIME NOTIFIED GOE OF THE MISSION. HE ACCEPTED THIS WITHOUT SECRET

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QUESTION (I HAVE ALSO GIVEN FACTS TO RIAD. HE,

TOO, SEEMED SATISFIED).

3. MUBAREK SAID HE HAD HEARD THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT WILL MEET ON APRIL 10 TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION. IF TRUE, THIS A GRATIFYING DEVELOPMENT. IT SHOULD SPEED UP FRANGIE'S DEPARTURE, WHCH IN TURN SHOULD FACILITATE SETTLING INTER-FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES. HE HAD ALSO HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT SOME KATAIB SNIPERS HAVE BEEN POSITIONED AROUND THE BUILDING WHERE THE PARLIAMENT IS TO MEET IN ORDER TO INTIMIDATE THE PARLIAMENTARIANS. ANY SUCH ACTION IS UNHELPFUL.

4. FINALLY, MUBAREK ALLUDED TO PRESS REPORTS ABOUT A SYRIAN NAVAL BLOCKADE OF LEBANESE PORTS. HE SAID GOE HAS NO CONFIRMATION THEREOF AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

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